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Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 946

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1897.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
SCOTCH CONCERT.

THE CONCERT in Commemoration of the Birth of Robert Burns will be held in the St. George's Hall, City Hall, on MONDAY, 25th Jan., at 9.15 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

Overture, "Macbeth," ... Hallon.

Song, "There was a lad" ...

Ma. J. GILCHRIST.

Fair-Song, "Hail to the Chief!"

Song, "My loves a' but" ...

Mrs WALLINGS.

Violin Solo, "Benedictus," ... Mackenzie.

Mr. H. COFFE.

Song, "Mary of Argyl," ...

Mr. D. K. SLIMAN.

Song, "Auld Robin Gray," ...

Mrs GORDON.

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES.

Selection, "Reminiscences of Scotland," ... F. Godfrey.

Song, "A man's a man for a' that," ...

MR. J. GILCHRIST.

Song, "Afton Water," ... Mrs GORDON.

Part-Song, "Scots wha ha," ...

Intermezzo, "Forget me Not," ... both.

Song, "Duncan Gray," ...

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Song, "Draw the Sword," ... Scotland!

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With the kind permission of Colonel GORDON and Officers, the Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment, under Bandmaster BENTLEY, will play.

Conductor of Part Song, Mr. A. G. WARD.

ADMISSION, TWO DOLLARS.

Seats may now be booked at Messrs. W. E. & Co.'s Piano and Music Rooms.

An Extra Car will leave for the Peak 15 minutes after the Performance.

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"Les Cloches de Corneville"

on the following dates:—

Saturday, 13th February, 1897.

Monday, 15th February, 1897.

Saturday, 20th February, 1897.

Monday, 22nd February, 1897.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1897.

Saturday, 27th February, 1897.

Full Particulars as to Booking, &c., will be given later.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1897.

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AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Jas. CHRISTIE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 26th January, 1897, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road;

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ONE DOMESTIC SEWING MACHINE and STAND.

ONE JINKOSEWA.

KYU, ETC., ETC.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 21, 1897.

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the 28th day of January, 1897, at 3 p.m., on the Spot:—

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To-day's Advertisements



CLEARED.

For Singapore.
Holland, for Victoria.
Thales, for Swatow.
Looek, for Bangkok.
Tamsui, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Hanoi, from London, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gray, Miss Potis, nurse and child, Masters J. M. L. Avello, Thurburn, Angus, McDonald, and Gordon; from Penang, Mrs. E. de Souza; from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. D. Haskell, Mr. Tanski, Junr, and 2 native servants, Mr. Nang Soo Sang; Mr. Nang Soo Sang's native servant, Mr. Luk Pow Chuen and native servant, Mr. Wing Kim Mi and native servant, Mr. Dunn, and 2 assistants. For Shanghai, from London, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Messrs. E. Black, W. Holling, Donald, Jackson, and Mrs. Groat's party from Brindisi, Mr. A. P. Macleod, Mr. Tanski, Junr, and 2 native servants, Mr. Ling, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. L. Lee, General Viscount Kawakami, Lieut.-Col. Ichichi Liou, Col. Mounta, Major Akihi, and Officer Sekya. For Yokohama: from London, Messrs. Wilson and John Unwin; from Brindisi, Mr. Bracciolini; from Malta, Mr. R. G. Inglot.

For Haifa, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Fairhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and 2 children, Col. Gordon, Major Cox, Lieut. Smith, Messrs. T. C. Fisher, E. W. Derrick, King, Christiansen, and Hasslop, and 2 Chinese.

For Liverpool under the Style of HEYWOOD, CLARK & CO., Storer's Wharf, Poplar, under the Style of London, Mr. and Mrs. David Storey, Praya Central, Hong Kong, and Sons.

Per Friends, from Singapore, Messrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and 2 children, Col. Gordon, Heywood & Clark, Limited.

Per Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark, Limited.

Per Walter D. GRAHAM, Praya Central, Hong Kong, January 23, 1897.

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NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of PAINT, VARNISH, JAPAN, COLOR and OIL MANUFACTURERS and MERCHANTS hitherto Carried on at 7, Caldonian Road, London, under the Style of West Drayton, Middlesex, WILKINSON, Heywood & Clark, Limited, Liverpool, and 2 Chinese.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

At a meeting of the Machine Gunners at Shanghai on the 18th inst., Messrs C. M. Adamson and T. C. Anderson were elected first and second lieutenants respectively of the new infantry company.

On grounds of economy, the Viceroy of Ningpo is discharging extra hands engaged on board the Ningpo fleet during the war, and over 1,000 people will be paid off this month. An annual saving to the provincial treasury of nearly half-a-million dollars will be effected.—*Mercury*.

Sir Robert Meade, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was removed from Westminster Hospital on 19th Dec. to his residence, near the Marble Arch, and was progressing satisfactorily. This step was taken at his own request; the veteran official observing a friend in the morning:—"Here am I taking up a bed that might be occupied by some poor soul lying sorely in need of it, and so I am off!"

The Manila *Comercio* publishes a list of military honours and awards conferred in connection with the operations against the Philippine rebels. The list occupies no less than nine columns! The *Dragon Honours Gazette* may now hide its diminished head. If it runs to an average column that was about all. As a home contemporary says sarcastically it will soon become an honour to be left out of despatches.—*Singapore Free Press*.

It is reported from Hangchow that the youthful literati of that city, hearing it rumoured that the provincial authorities had shelved the Imperial commands to establish a large government in that city for the study of foreign languages and sciences, owing to want of funds, recently petitioned the Governor, like regarding the closing of the college which was to have come, superseding through lack of attendance and applying the revenue of several thousand taels per annum to a foreign college. The high authorities have therefore been having consultations recently over the matter, and it is now given out that a new school will be built in the eastern part of the city.—*N.C. Daily News*.

CABLE information has been received at Shanghai from London, says the *Mercury*, that Capt. R. M. Andrews of the China Marine S. A. Co. died on Saturday, 16th January. Capt. Andrews was one of the oldest and best known master mariners in the employ of the C. M. S. N. Co. and was a highly regarded member of the China Merchantile B. Co. He was visiting England in connection with the building of the new vessels for the C. M. S. N. Co. and was superintending their construction. The news of his demise was received with profound regret in Shanghai and flags at the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association, shipping offices, and local steamers were half-masted out of respect to his memory.

COMMENTING on the news, published originally in the *China Mail*, of the recent four hours' trial of the *Confidante*, when she averaged 18.2 knots, and for half-an-hour she worked up to 19 knots, a contemporary says:—"The recent experience of the ship only shows once again that her speed has not got out of a vessel until her machinery has been some time at work, and her engine-room staff have become accustomed to her. Unhappily we have a knack of bringing ships into collision—and when they are taken from the Fleet Reserves they have to run a few thousand miles before their engines get into working order—and then relegating them to the dull work of rotting at moorings—or alongside piers. Truly, we are a practical race."

'DAVERIAK' writes in *Sport and Gossip*:—Shanghai is about to lose a German friend that in sporting as well as in all other circles is 'one of the best'—I refer to Mr Binning, for some years a steward of our Race Club and one who worked his very hardest for the Club. He will be greatly missed at the scales next Spring, which for some meetings now has been his department on race days, and how ably he has filled the position is often referred to by jockeys weighing out for the different events. In saying good-bye to him it was very hard to do so, yet not leaving us for good, but that after some time in Hongkong he hopes to have a trip home and then return to Shanghai. Wishes the very best go with Mr and Mrs Binning, and that they may win many more in Hongkong at the coming Meeting is earnestly hoped by Daybreak.

We are very badly off for steamers writes the Ichang correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* on the 8th inst. The *Shantung* was intending to tow the disabled *Changhsu* to Hankow but in the attempt got disabled herself so had to give up the job. The *Changhsu* is lying 40 miles below Ichang in a helpless condition and the *Shantung* was proceeding to Hankow with a cracked shaft, and working one engine only. We are now limited to the *Kuling* and the *Kienchi*. We hope the other steamers may all be right soon and back to the regular run. Two ladies who came up here to see the gorges in November have had rather an eventful time. Twice they have left Ichang to proceed to Hankow and are back here again on safety to their destination down river. The disasters to the *Changhsu* and *Shantung* forced them to come back here.

The *N.C. Daily News* of the 16th January says:—"We understand that so far eleven candidates have been nominated for the new Council. Four of these are members of the ruling Council, Messrs Alford, Cooper, W. D. Little, and Moses; and for all is known, the general report, Mr J. D. Scott, one of the anti-Chairmen we have ever had, decided not to seek election. There were five more or less official candidates, Messrs C. Dordell, F. E. Karpf, A. Karpf, Mustard, and Probst, all highly esteemed by valuable members. Mr Karpe has agreed to represent the German community, and Mr Mustard the American community. It is obvious that it is very desirable that one member of the Council should be especially well acquainted with Hongkong, which is rapidly being covered with foreign as well as native houses. The other two candidates are Dr. Ward Hall and Mr. Middleton, both of whom are sure to receive a considerable measure of support, so that the election next week should be a very interesting one. It is in contemplation, we understand, that Mr Alford shall be asked to take the chair for the ensuing year and Mr Probst the vice-chair. There may be still some more nominations as the estates do not close until 4 p.m. to-day."

80 New Pianos just arrived, best makers Alm Celano & Transverso Pianos, guaranteed for the sum of £1,000. T. Connon & Co.

Clarke's "Waste Paper" Books. The most searching blood cleanse that can be had medical skill have brought to light. Letters from Sore Throat, Scrofula, Rheuma, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Fimpler, and Sores of any kind are easily treated. Clarke's Blood Purifier and Balsam of all kinds, his special invention. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Gold sovereigns to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Gold sovereigns to test its value. Letters from all parts of the world attest the efficacy of Clarke's Blood Purifier and Balsam.

THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.

SYMPATHY WITH MISS JACOB.
(Special to the "N.C. Daily News.")

Korea, 17th January.

The trial of Mrs Carew was continued on Friday and adjourned till to-morrow morning. General sympathy is expressed in Yokohama for Miss Jacob, and to enable her to employ a lawyer \$1,100 was subscribed in a few hours.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "CHINA MAIL"]

LONDON, Jan. 21.

THE RECENT MASSACRE OF THE EXPEDITION TO BENIN.

The recent expedition to Benin, which was massacred, was a peaceful one, bearing presents to the King, and was proceeding in two unarmed parties which were separately ambushed and massacred, only one bearer out of 250 escaping.

THE ADVANCE TO KHARTOUM.

Reuter's Agency learns that the garrison at Debbel, Korti, and Merawi will advance early in the summer to occupy Abu-Hamed and Berber subsequent to a movement on Khartoum.

(India-China Province.)

THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

PARIS, Jan. 13.

M. Brisson has been re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies.

THE NEW RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

M. Mouravieff, Russian Minister Plenipotentiary at Copenhagen, has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs for Russia. The French Press exhibits its approval at the appointment and congratulates M. Mouravieff, who is considered a friend of France. [The Czar will be pleased to learn that his advisers on the French Press have approved of his selection.—Edu. C.M.]

THE FRENCH SENATE.

PARIS, Jan. 15.

M. Louvet has been re-elected President of the Senate.

THE LAOS OCCUPATION.

A decree classes amongst the obligatory contributions of the various Indo-China budgets the share contributed by each of the countries in the Union towards the cost of the occupation of the Laos territory.

A DECLARATION OF FRENCH POLICY.

At a banquet given in his honour yesterday, M. Doumer, the new Governor General of Indo-China, declared himself in favour of the Union in Indo-China. However, he added, Cachin-China deserves favoured treatment. He believes that the time has arrived when French colonists should penetrate China for the promotion of commerce, industry and civilisation.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 11.25 a.m. The anticyclone has extended Eastward with the highest pressure now lying over W. Japan. On the China Coast the barometer has commenced to fall again. Gradients slight to moderate. Forecast:—moderate, and when they are taken from the Fleet Reserves they have to run a few thousand miles before their engines get into working order—and then relegating them to the dull work of rotting at moorings—or alongside piers. Truly, we are a practical race.

HONGKONG LIGHT DUES.

The following correspondence has passed between Mr H. A. Ritchie, Superintendent of the P. & O. Company, as representing shipping and the Hon. Secretary of the China Association on the subject of light dues:

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Hongkong, 14th January, 1897.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the agents and representatives of companies and firms owning vessels trading to and in the Far East, I beg to call your attention to the formation of the Committee of the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Association, a copy of a petition, dated 24th December, 1895, praying His Excellency the Governor not to carry the recommendation of the majority of the Unofficial Members of Council, that a tax of 2 cents for light dues should be permanently levied on vessels calling at this port, into effect.

That the next inquiry will probably have reference to the use and abuse of powder by the A. B. British sailors, accompanied by an injunction to commanding officers to 'see that the spirit of the Instructions on the subject is adhered to.'

That the Butcher Scots of Hongkong St. Andrew have given a Burns' concert for several years back in the City Hall.

That Monday's venture undoubtedly looks like a treat in store, as the programme shows good singers, etc., and an excellent national selection.

That the sub-committee (Messrs G. C. Anderson, W. Robertson, D. K. Sliman, & T. Wood) are to be congratulated upon the very creditable arrangement made for this occasion.

We have no doubt that you will rely on the cordial support of the China Association in furthering the object we have in view.

Apart from other considerations, which fully dealt with in our petition, I would beg to point out the impolicy of inflicting a tax on shipping with the avowed purpose of raising money for local revenue. If such a tax is levied with this intention in an adjacent British colony, which has hitherto been a free port, it is obvious that it must have a practical effect on any representation which may be made to the Government of China, to impose the excessively heavy tonnage dues imposed by the Government of China.

That the Chairman's speech at the Land Investment meeting of shareholders the other day contained a great deal more information than usual.

That it might as well if Directors told their shareholders a little more when they do: they could do so safely, to a certain degree, in several cases.

BROWNIES.

I beg to request that you will forward copies of this letter, with its attachments, to the London and Shanghai branches of the Association by the first opportunity.

I am, dear Sir, your faithfully,

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent,
Fulerton Henderson Esq., Secretary,
Hongkong Branch, China Association.

INTEREST IN THE BLOOD.—We have seen hosts of letters from people who have received great benefit from the use of Clarke's Blood Mixture. It cannot be too highly estimated for its value and effects. The blood from all haemorrhages is a good testiment from the Family Doctor, which goes on further to say: "This is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our mental as well as our physical capabilities. It is the blood that carries the oxygen to the brain, it is the blood that carries the nutriment to the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, brain, &c. It is also with the oxygen that it carries away the waste products of the body." For Sore Throat, Earache, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Fimpler, and Sores of any kind, it is a pity to waste money continually on heavy transport, a needless large grey sheet, and the expensive maintenance of steam-power at many points over the conception.

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MR MAY'S CUP.

Yesterday the second tie in the competition for Mr May's Cup was played at the Polo Ground. The first tie was played a few days ago between the R.A. and the West-Yorks, and resulted in a win for the Artillery. The game yesterday was Civilians v. Club, and the following were the competitors:

Mr Whitehead, Captain Loveland,
Mr May, Surg.-Capt. Edye,
Mr Hastings, Mr Creach,
Mr Ross, Captain Long.

It was decided two games of eight minutes each should be played. The first one was rather a "sticky" one, the usual brilliant play that has been observed for many days on the ground being absent. The Civilians pressed their opponents more than once, but the attack was repulsed, Loveland saving a goal by a smart cross hit; and in the end the Civilians were successful. Captain Burney, who had kindly consented to umpire, gave the contestants a rest for several minutes. The second game was of a much faster character, although Loveland did not show up in his former form. At first neither side managed to score, though both goals were alternately taken by Loveland. After about six minutes play Loveland scored to hit a subsidiary goal for his side, and on the remaining two minutes resulted in no further scoring. On Monday, we understand, the final tie is to be played between the R.A. and the Club, when some fast and exciting play should be witnessed.

In many chanceries at Home it is the rule that no member shall appear at a public performance unless a certain number of rehearsals, including the two last, have been attended. It is a difficult question: often we find really good soloists "going to pieces" because members will not attend. The poor Conductor deserves a very large amount of sympathy.

I understand that the second performance of Haydn's "Toy Symphony" at Kowloon was attended with the same measure of success as the first. Many who were not present are inquiring who the conductor is; and a new prophet appeared, or it is said, as some say, an old prophet has not appeared. Doubtless my readers will be pleased to learn that Mariano is now in preparation and that in a few months it will probably be produced under the baton of the same conductor. The A.D.C. will have to look to their laurels.

We hear a great deal about England being an unusual nation, but the old country seems to be quite as far advanced as any other nation. Mr Riviere says that in his orchestra of 36 at Ilfordstone last night he had only 6 foreigners, and one of these six was a German. His orchestra will doubtless cover all the leading points, but one of the prettiest natural beauties was the lovely fresh Avenue of bamboo set from the outer entrance to the main staircase.

As further evidence on this point, we

have the testimony of Dr Otto Neitzel, a well-known German pianist who has recently been on a visit to England. He warns his countrymen not to repeat the story of "unmusical England." What the wacky doctor has heard in England has convinced him that we can at least hold our own as musicians.

Talking of Germany reminds me of a statement recently made that the Prince Consort introduced German bands into England. I don't know who first made this statement, but it seems to me to be a monstrous attempt to tarnish the fair fame of the late prince.

A correspondent recently wrote: "There is a mystery which I cannot solve, but, perhaps, one or other of your readers may be able to do so. Year after year the same German bands parades the streets of London, and play over and over again the same selection of music. It is popularly supposed that practice makes perfect, but according to my experience the more practice makes the more imperfect, at any rate as far as German bands are concerned. Why do these musicians persist in playing out of tune? In another world it may be permitted to us to understand this matter."

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H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 22, 1897. 159

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G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 19, 1897. 140

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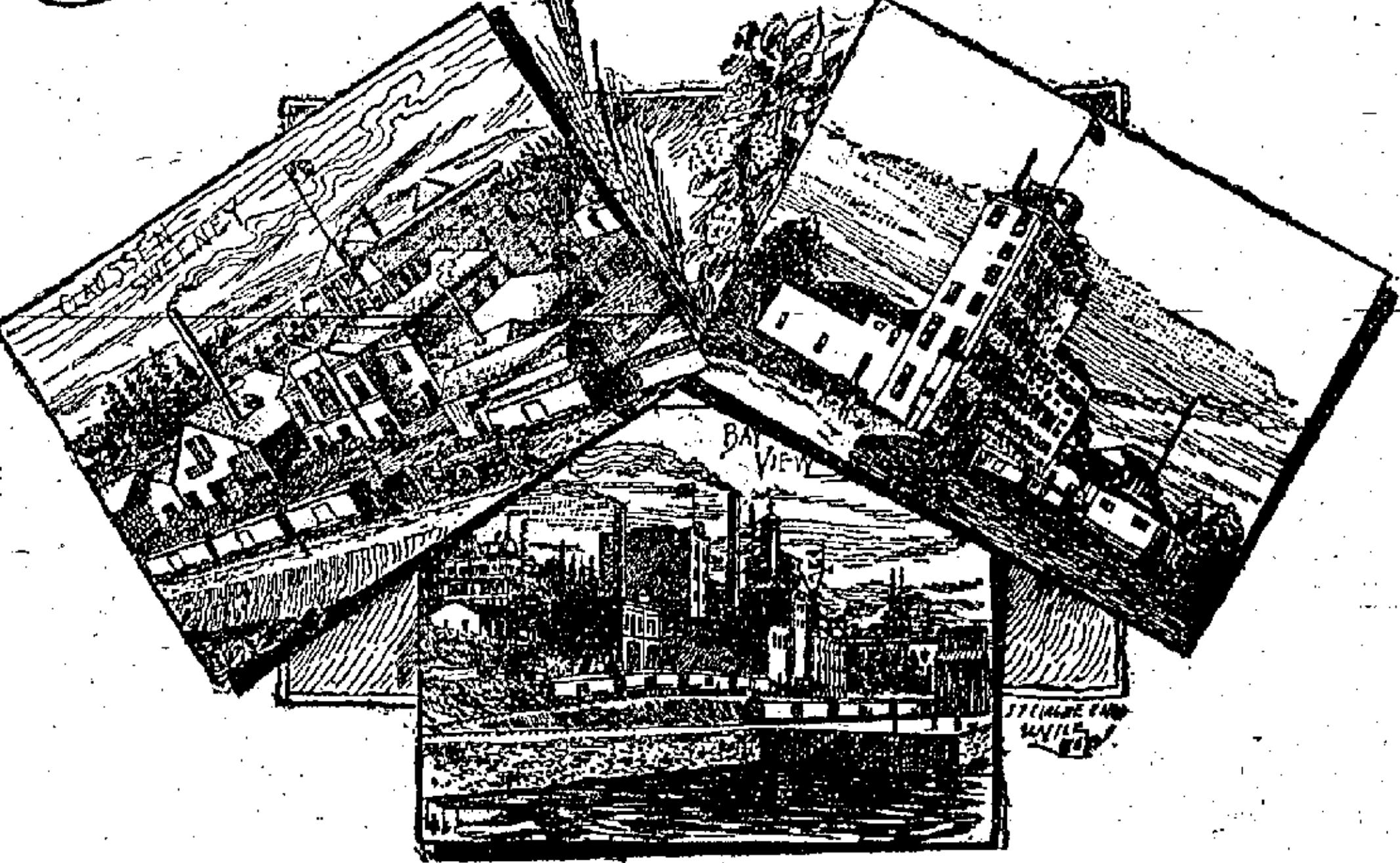
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